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1. Fee Transmittal Form
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2. Small Entity Status is hereby asserted.

3. Specification
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- Descriptive title of the Invention
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- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

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4. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)

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5. Oath or Declaration

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- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below, and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet :

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09/955,115

Prior Application Information Examiner William T. Leader Group Art Unit 1742

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Title: PLATING METHOD AND PLATING APPARATUS

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
 Power of Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

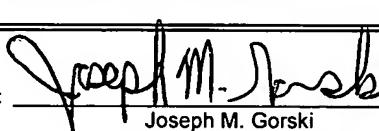
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15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).
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17. Other Claim of Priority under 119

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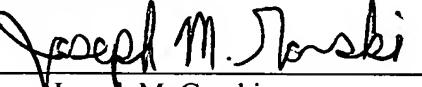
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